

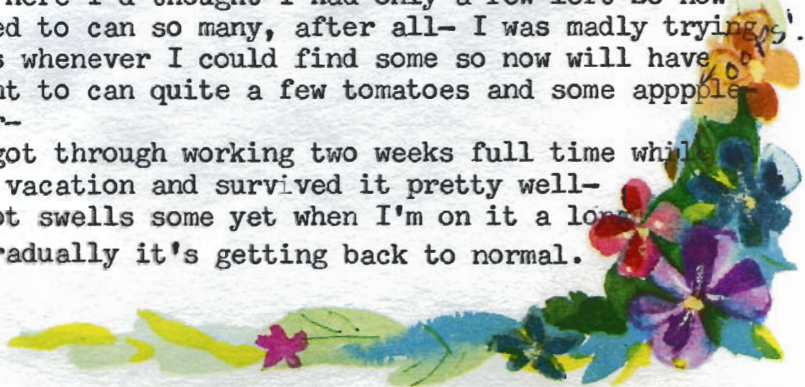
Dayton, Oregon
Friday morning-

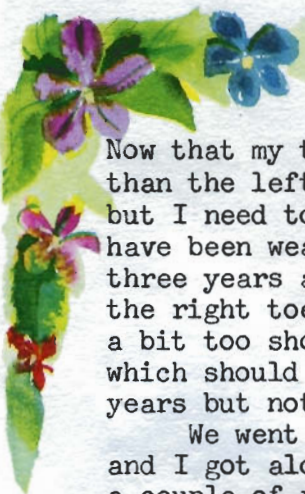
Hi Vicki and Jim,

How are you two these days? Pretty well settled# no doubt! Have you your drapes, or curtains, etc. yet? That always helps make it seem like "home"-Frances let me read your letter and I'm glad you found some more crystal to match what she gave you-she was really pleased to know you are fond of it-and would add to the pieces! She's been going to the beach fairly often this summer-just for a day or two mostly and attends sessions of the summer conference there in Cannon Beach-the speakers are really good, I guess, and she has a special one she likes and spend a whole week there when he was the speaker-Her "boyfriend," Hartley, has taken her over two or three times-I think she's quite fond of him but if it will progress any farther, I do not know- I don't really know if I think he's right for her-but of course, that's for her to decide-Ha- Anyway, I'm all for her going places with him and having fun-and he is a crazy kidding sort of fella and makes her laugh a lot-Have I told you before that he's very tall and thin? They make a good pair in that respect!

We're just about ready to start in on the Elberta peaches-should be a few ready to pick this weekend-Dad has been picking the apples too and selling them-fruit is in rather short supply this year-I looked in the top of my fruit cupboard for a change the other day and was most pleased to discover that i have quite a few jars of peaches left! And here I'd thought I had only a few left-So now I won't need to can so many, after all- I was madly trying to buy lids whenever I could find some so now will have ample-I want to can quite a few tomatoes and some apple sauce later-

Just got through working two weeks full time while Ned was on vacation and survived it pretty well-My left foot swells some yet when I'm on it a long time but gradually it's getting back to normal.





Now that my toes are straight, my right big toe is longer than the left one! I'm sure that has always been the case- but I need to get a half size longer shoe how, I guess! I have been wearing the work shoes in the size I've worn for three years and a funny dark spot was appearing on top of the right toe! My doctor says that's because that shoe is a bit too short now! So I've ordered the same shoe in a 7 which should be just right-In most shoes I've worn a 7 for years but not in my special work style-

We went square dancing for the first time last Saturday and I got along pretty well- Sat out a couple of squares and a couple of rounds, however-Not pushing my luck too far! Ha-

Talked to Jerry on the phone last Saturday and found out he had just turned in his resignation where he worked- Can't say I blamed him either- He hadn't had a raise in over eight months and asked for an evaluation and a raise in pay- well, they agreed to give him a 25% per raise in Sept. which would bring it up to the munificent total of \$2.75-which he can't live on in these days of inflation! He said it told him they didn't need him-So he's looking into something he knows of in El Cajon near San Diego and I told him about Westinghouse in Santa Ana where one of Jim's sons works and maybe he'll check in there thoroughly- I hope he finds something down there if he really wants to stay down south- He could surely do better than he has been pay wise up here! There ought to be a law against companies getting by with paying such low wage scales! He had the responsibility of the stock room-handing out componets and suppies ## and ordering things etc- which should be worth something-

Well, I see it's nearly noon and Ned will be getting in before I get my work caught up! Hope you're both fine and maybe I'll call you this weekend- Are you planning an outing over the Holiday? We aren't, I'm sure-

Write soon and tell us all the news.

Much love,

Mom & Dad

